

Title:	William Hamilton Merritt letter, 1812 [photocopy]		
Creator:	Merritt, William Hamilton		
Dates of Material:	1812	Record Group Number:	RG 273
Summary of Contents:	1 letter addressed to Major Thomas Merritt ; photocopy of original ; includes handwritten transcription.		
Physical Description / Condition:			
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>In 1812 William Hamilton Merritt was a captain in the Niagara Light Dragoons. He was present at Windsor a day after the fall of Detroit, but participated at the battle of Queenston Heights. The letter, addressed to his father Maj. Thomas Merritt and written at Dover Mills (now Port Dover, Ont.), was likely written as he was on his way to the battle of Detroit. Capt. Merritt was captured at the battle of Lundy's Lane in 1814 and imprisoned in Massachusetts until the end of the war. After the war, Merritt became an entrepreneur, spearheading the building of the Welland Canal and the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge, among other ventures. Location of the original is unknown.</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:			

Subject Headings:	600	Merritt, William Hamilton, d1793-1862 vCorrespondence.		
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